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Group Goes From Exile to Influence

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 22—The Committee on the Present Danger, a little-known foreign policy group, found itself in an unusual position at its annual meeting here this month. More than a sixth of its members had been forced to take leaves of absence.

Such a depletion of ranks makes the committee the envy of the special interest and study groups that abound in the nation's capital. The Committee on the Present Danger, which was formed five years ago to press for a strong posture against the Soviet Union, has placed 32 of its 182 members in the Reagan Administration thus far. Some of them helped develop the ideas that led to President Reagan's speech last week offering arms-control proposals to the Soviet Union.

The best-known and most influential of the former committee members is, of course, Ronald Reagan. But alumni of the committee are sprinkled throughout the highest levels of the Government, amounting to a virtual takeover of the nation's national security apparatus.

One alumnus, Richard V. Allen, is Mr. Reagan's national security adviser. Another, William J. Casey, is Director of Central Intelligence. A third, Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, is the United States representative at the United Nations. Yet another, John F. Lehman, is Secretary of the Navy.

The Tucked-Away Power Centers

Then there are the officials whose names turn up less frequently in the news but who occupy some of the tucked-away power centers of Government. There is Under Secretary of State James L. Buckley, whose area is security assistance, science and technology; Under Secretary of Defense Fred C. Iklé, whose area is policy, three members of the National Security Council and eight members of the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

The transformation of the committee into one of the capital's bases of influence has raised eyebrows. "It happened so fast that we're almost amazed ourselves," said Charles Tyroler 2d, the committee's director and a member of the Administration's Intelligence Oversight Board.

"The organization didn't have much clout as an organization, mostly because it was only in existence for five years," said a high-ranking State Department official who would speak only on the condition that he not be identified. "But now the people in it are having a big impact. The Administration seems to be espousing their views lock, stock and barrel, and has taken in the people with them."

The committee was conceived



Allen



Casey



Kirkpatrick



Buckley

Committee on the Present Danger Members in the Administration

Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
Kenneth L. Adelman
U.S. Deputy Representative to the United Nations
Richard V. Allen
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
Martin Anderson
Assistant to the President for Policy Development
James L. Buckley
Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology
W. Glenn Campbell
Chairman, Intelligence Oversight Board, and member, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board
William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
John B. Connally
Member, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board
Joseph D. Douglass Jr.
Assistant Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
John S. Foster Jr.
Member, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board
Amorella M. Hoeber
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Development
Fred Charles Iklé
Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
Max M. Kampelman
Chairman, U.S. Delegation to Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe
Geoffrey Kemp
Staff, National Security Council
Jeane J. Kirkpatrick
U.S. Representative to the United Nations
John F. Lehman
Secretary of the Navy
Clare Booth Luce
Member, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board

Paul H. Nitze
Chief Negotiator for Theater Nuclear Forces (TNT)
Edward F. Noble
Chairman, U.S. Synthetic Fuels Corp.
Michael Novak
U.S. Representative on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations
Peter O'Donnell Jr.
Member, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board
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Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy
Richard Pipes
Staff, National Security Council
Eugene V. Rostow
Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
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